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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

PATARICIA VIOLET BARBER,)
 individually)
)
 Plaintiff,)
 vs.)
)
 THE VONS COMPANIES, INC.,)
 individually; DOES I-X; and ROE)
 CORPORATIONS I-X, inclusive,)
)
 Defendants.)
)

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendant THE VONS COMPANIES, INC. (“Defendant”), by and through its counsel of record, BACKUS, CARRANZA & BURDEN, hereby files this instant notice of removal of this action to the United States District Court for the District of Nevada, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446, and in support thereof, states as follows:

I.

FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

1. Plaintiff PATARICIA VIOLET BARBER (“Plaintiff”) is not a resident of the States of Delaware or Idaho. *See* Complaint filed in the Eighth Judicial District Court for Clark

County, Nevada, attached as **Exhibit A**.

2. Defendant is a company organized, existing, and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, with its headquarters and principal place of business in the State of Idaho and is therefore a citizen of Delaware and Idaho for purposes of diversity.

3. Plaintiff's Complaint was filed in the Eighth Judicial District Court for Clark County, Nevada on or about March 23, 2022. *Id.*

4. The Summons and Complaint were served on Defendant on March 28, 2022. *Id.*

5. Plaintiff's action alleges that on or about January 28, 2022, she was a patron at a Von's grocery store when she slipped on a liquid substance on the floor. *See* Complaint, **Exhibit A** at ¶¶6-10. Plaintiff asserts a cause of action for negligence. *Id.*

6. On May 6, 2022, Plaintiff filed and served a Petition for Exemption from Arbitration in which she claims \$164,987.29 in medical damages. *See* **Exhibit B**.

II.

DIVERSITY JURISDICTION

7. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1332(a), a federal district court "shall have original jurisdiction of all civil actions where the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000" and the controversy is between "citizens of different states." *See* 28 § U.S.C. 1332(a).

8. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1), this case may be removed to United States District Court for the District of Nevada because there is complete diversity of citizenship between Plaintiff and Defendant, and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.

9. There is complete diversity in this matter as Plaintiff is a citizen of Nevada and Defendant is a citizen of Idaho and Delaware.

10. On May 6, 2022, Plaintiff filed and served a Petition for Exemption from Arbitration in which she claims \$164,987.29 in medical damages. *See* **Exhibit B**.

11. Therefore, if the factors addressed above meet the requisite amount in controversy under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)

12. Accordingly, this Court has diversity jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).

13. Defendant respectfully requests this matter be removed to the United States District

1 Court for the District of Nevada.

2 **III.**

3 **THE PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVAL HAVE BEEN SATISFIED**

4 14. 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(3) states: “Except as provided in subsection (c), if the case
5 stated by the initial pleading is not removable, a notice of removal may be filed within thirty days
6 after receipt by the defendant, through service or otherwise, of a copy of **an amended pleading,**
7 **motion, order or other paper** from which it may first be ascertained that the case is one which is
8 or has become removable.” (Emphasis added.)

9 15. This instant Notice for Removal is timely in that it is filed within 30 days of the
10 first notice that Plaintiff’s claimed damages exceed \$75,000 via Plaintiff’s Petition for Exemption
11 from Arbitration in which she claims \$164,987.29 in medical damages. *See Exhibit B.*

12 16. In addition, 28 U.S.C. § 1446(c)(2)(A)(ii) provides that for removal based on
13 diversity jurisdiction, the sum demanded in good faith in the initial pleading shall be deemed to be
14 the amount in controversy except when the initial pleading seeks a monetary judgment, but the
15 State practice, such as in Nevada, either does not permit demand for a specific sum or permits
16 recovery of damages in excess of the amount demanded.” *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1446(c)(2)(A)(ii).

17 17. This Court has original jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action, pursuant
18 to 28 U.S.C. § 1332, as there is complete diversity between the parties and there is more than
19 \$75,000 in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs.

20 18. Pursuant to the 28 U.S.C. § 1441, this action is one which may be removed to this
21 Court.

22 19. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(c)(1), the date for this removal is not more than one
23 year after the March 23, 2022 commencement of the state court action.

24 20. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(2)(A), there is only one defendant in this case who
25 filed this instant notice of removal.

26 21. A true and correct copy of this Notice of Removal will be filed with the Clerk for
27 the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada.

28 22. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446, a true and correct copy of all process, pleadings, and

orders served upon Defendant in the state court are attached hereto. *See Exhibit A; see also Exhibit B; see also* Plaintiff's Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure, attached as **Exhibit C**; *see also* Plaintiff's Demand for Jury Trial, attached as **Exhibit D**; *see also* Von's Initial Appearance Fee, attached as **Exhibit E**; *see also* The Von's Company's Answer, attached as **Exhibit F**.

23. Therefore, under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446, Defendant is entitled to remove this action to this Court.

PRAYER

24. WHEREFORE, Defendant prays that the above-entitled action be removed from the Eighth Judicial District Court in and for Clark County, Nevada.

DATED May 9, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,
BACKUS, CARRANZA & BURDEN

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am a resident of and employed in Clark County, Nevada. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action. My business address is: 3050 South Durango Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89117.

On May 9, 2022, I served this document on the parties listed on the attached service list via one or more of the methods of service described below as indicated next to the name of the served individual or entity by a checked box:

VIA U.S. MAIL: by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the United States mail at Las Vegas, Nevada. I am "readily familiar" with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence by mailing. Under that practice, it would be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on that same day with postage fully prepaid at Las Vegas, Nevada in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing an affidavit.

VIA FACSIMILE: by transmitting to a facsimile machine maintained by the attorney or the party who has filed a written consent for such manner of service.

BY PERSONAL SERVICE: by personally hand-delivering or causing to be hand delivered by such designated individual whose particular duties include delivery of such on behalf of the firm, addressed to the individual(s) listed, signed by such individual or his/her representative accepting on his/her behalf. A receipt of copy signed and dated by such an individual confirming delivery of the document will be maintained with the document and is attached.

BY E-MAIL: by transmitting a copy of the document in the format to be used for attachments to the electronic-mail address designated by the attorney or the party who has filed a written consent for such manner of service.

BY ELECTRONIC MEANS: by electronically filing and serving with the court's vendor.

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I declare that under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Nevada that the above is true and correct. I further declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the service was made.

/s/ Anne Raymundo
An employee of BACKUS, CARRANZA & BURDEN